

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A foodstuff for reducing nucleic acid damage in a companion animal, the foodstuff comprising a foodstuff composition containing vitamin E, vitamin C and a carotenoid, wherein the vitamin C is present at a concentration of from 10 mg/400kcal or above.
21. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20 further containing taurine.
22. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the carotenoid is one or more of beta-carotene, lutein or lycopene.
23. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the vitamin E is present at a concentration of from 25IU/400kcal diet or above.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the carotenoid is present at a concentration of from 0.01mg/400kcal or above.
26. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 21, wherein the taurine is present at a concentration of from 80mg/400kcal or above.
27. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20 wherein the foodstuff is selected from a group consisting of dry, wet, and semi-dry foodstuff and a supplement.
28. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the companion animal is selected from a group consisting of a cat, dog, horse, fish, bird, rabbit and guinea pig.